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ARROGANCE

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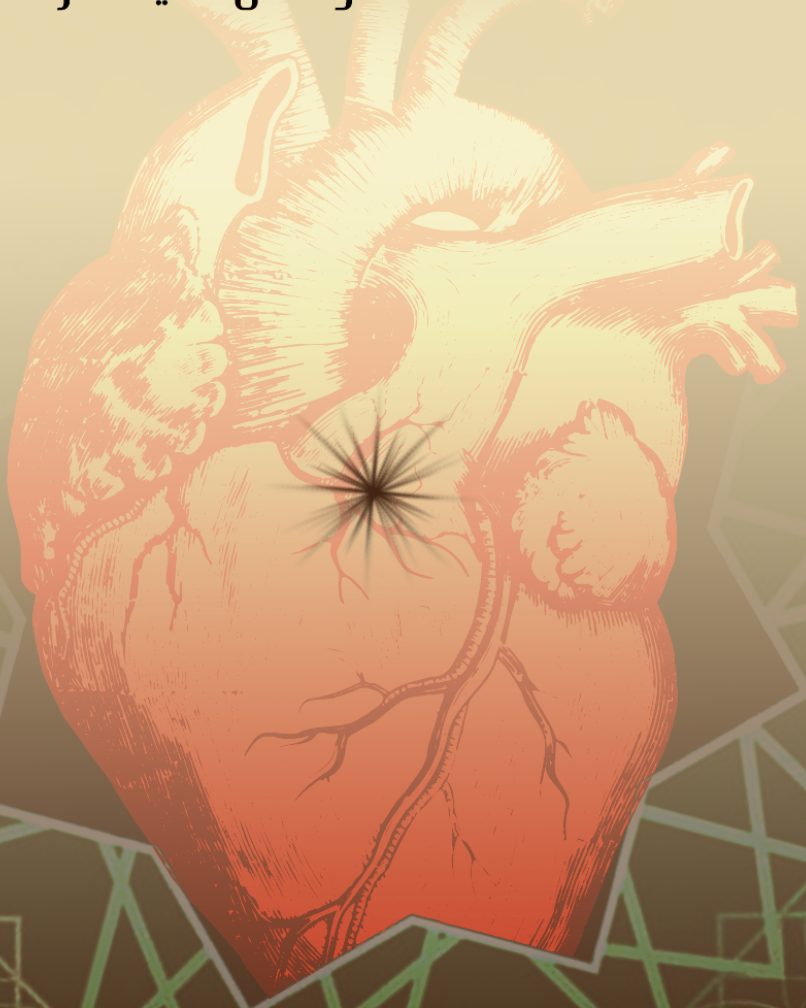

May Allah bless Shaykh Musa, protect him, preserve him, and all his loved ones. May He allow his work and efforts to be spread until the Day of Judgement, and make it weigh heavy on his scales.

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Today's topic concerns: If people pondered upon what was in their stomachs, no one, young or old, would feel arrogance.

Arrogance is a depraved disease that is widespread, whose consequences are catastrophic. Not only in this life but in the hereafter. Arrogance is also from the major sins, whoever is afflicted with it, then Allah has sent him to the abyss of ruin, and [for him is much] doom in this life and the next. And it is from the first sins committed, that went against Allah's (سبحانه وتعالى) right, and He was disobeyed with.

I seek refuge in Allah from Satan the outcast
In the Name of Allah, the All-beneficent, the All-merciful.

And (remember) when We said to the angels: "Prostrate yourselves before Adam." And they prostrated except Iblis (Satan), he refused and was proud and was one of the disbelievers (disobedient to Allah).
[Surat Al-Baqarah: 34]

Arrogance is a disease that degrades and humiliates its owner, and belittles him in front of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and the people. Also [it causes one] to be lesser in the eyes of people nor will anyone respect him, and Allah will be hateful and angry [toward him], and curse him as He cursed Iblis. And Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will banish him from His mercy.

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(Allah) said: "O Iblis! What prevents you from prostrating yourself to one whom I have created with Both My Hands. Are you too proud (to fall prostrate to Adam) or are you one of the high exalted?" [Iblis] said: "I am better than he, You created me from fire, and You created him from clay."

(Allah) said: "Then get out from here, for verily, you are outcast. And verily! My curse is on you till the Day of Recompense."
[Surat Sad: 75-78]

Arrogance is one of the main reasons [for one] to enter Hellfire and abide therein eternally, [likewise] of being prohibited from Paradise, for the path to Paradise is obedience toward Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in everything He commanded from worship. Ibn Mas'ud narrated in a Sahih Hadith [Muslim 91] [that the Messenger (ﷺ) said]:

He who has in his heart the weight of a mustard seed of pride shall not enter Paradise.

A person (amongst his hearers) said: Verily a person loves that his dress should be fine, and his shoes should be fine. He (the Prophet) remarked:

Verily, Allah is Graceful and He loves Grace. Pride is disdaining the truth (out of self-conceit) and contempt for the people.

Allah will elevate the rank of the one who is humble and uplift him. The more a person humbles himself, the more Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) elevates him. He will earn [Allah's] love and pleasure, as well as the love and pleasure of the people around him. In the Hadith Qudsi narrated by the Messenger (ﷺ) about his Lord (سبحانه وتعالى):

"Whoever humbles himself before Me like that" – and he turned his palm down towards the ground like that, very close to the ground - "I will raise him in status like this" - and he turned his palm up towards the heaven and raised his hand like that.
[Musnad Ahmad 309]

[Having] Arrogance is a despicable attitude and lowly for the human standard. Nothing is a worse or nastier attitude than the one clinging onto

arrogance, wearing it, preserving it, compelled to use it against others - for he sees himself better than everyone else, superior in level and rank.

In addition, the arrogant one always rejects the truth, doesn't want it, belittles the people, and sees himself better than them. He has forgotten that he is the son of dirt (i.e., he was created from dirt).

O one who displays arrogance, captivated by his image, look at your final state in which you will inevitably rot [as a corpse].
If people pondered upon what was in their stomachs, no one, young or old, would feel arrogance.
Is there anything more honored in the son of Adam than the head? Yet it is stricken with five disposals of waste.
A nose that gushes [snot], and ears with a foul odor, and eyes that secrete white substance, and teeth that salivate
O son of the dirt, [who will inevitably] be consumed by the dirt tomorrow (i.e., you began from dirt and your end is dirt), humble yourself, for you will be eaten (by the Earth and the maggots when you lay in your grave).

The arrogant one is one who glorifies himself, seeing himself in a beautiful and perfect image, and takes an interest in himself, and sees that no one compares to his beauty, wealth, rank, lineage, or anything else.

These attributes of having pride in oneself and self glorification are [only] from the [rightful] attributes of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), that He specified for Himself with no other. They belong to Him Alone (سبحانه وتعالى).

There are many types of arrogance, and the worst and lowest of them is being arrogant against Allah, just as Pharaoh did [saying]:

"I am your lord, most high." So Allah, seized him with punishment...
[Surat An-Nazi'at: 24-25]

And Nimrod that said:

"I give life and cause death."
[Surat Al-Baqarah 258].

This is arrogance against Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and His Messenger (ﷺ), [just like] when the head of the hypocrites - Ubay Ibn Salul - said to him: *'Don't come to us during our gatherings. If we need you we'll come to you.'*

Look at this malicious saying, and his belittlement of the Messenger (ﷺ). He also said:

"If we return to Al-Madinah, indeed the more honorable (Abdullah bin Ubay Ibn Salul, the chief of hypocrites at Al-Madinah) will expel therefrom the meaner (i.e., Allah's Messenger (ﷺ))."
[Surat Al-Munafiqun: 8]

Arrogance against the people by belittling them and mocking them because of whatever wealth he may have, or knowledge - i.e., the 'scholar.' He will self glorify himself because he [finds himself to be] eminent, and sees that he is a scholar, or owns a great deal of wealth, or because of his lineage.

Two men argued during the time of Musa (عليه السلام). The first one said, *"I am the son of so and so, the son of so and so, the son of so and so..."* Until he named nine. So, to belittle the other he said: *"Who are you? You are not known."*

The other one said: *"I am the son of so and so, the son of Islam."* He named two, then he said he was the son of Islam. So Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) revealed upon Musa (عليه السلام): *"Say O Musa, to the one who belongs to those nine, that you will join them in Hellfire as the tenth. As for the one belonging to those two, then you will join them in paradise as their third."*

This is the result of arrogance.

[This is a story about] one called Muttarif [who said] to one of the kings, whose name was Muhallab. He was haughty in his strut. There is a type of walk Allah loves, and a type of walk that He and His Messenger Hate.

The walk that Allah and His Messenger love is the one done at the ranks of battle, when the battle is heated and [the one fighting in Allah's cause walks with pride in front of the enemies], there is nothing wrong with that.

However this king was walking haughtily, so Muttarif said to this king: *'This is a walk that angers Allah and His Messenger.'* [The king said], *'Do you not know who I am?'*

Muttarif said, *'I truly know you. You began as a small drop,'* meaning — "He is created from a water gushing forth." [At-Tariq: 6] *'And your end is a rotting corpse. And you, between [these two lowly states] carry waste [in your belly].'*

So Al-Muhallab said to him,
'By Allah, you have truly known me.'

O Allah make clear to us the truth, and grant us the ability in following it, and show us the falsehood for what it is, and grant us the ability to avoid it. O Allah make us guided guiders, and not misguided, nor of those who misguide others, and to close our Duā, All the Praises and Thanks be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.